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AN OFFICER OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHO IS DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH TRANSKEIN MATTERS TOLD EMBOFF APRIL 17 THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WAS TAKEN COMPLETELY BY SURPRISE BY CHIEF MATANZIMA'S DECISION TO BREAK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA. WHILE MATANZIMA HAD MADE REPEATED BELLIGERENT NOISES, THE OFFICIAL SAID, THE SAG HAD NOT TAKEN THESE SERIOUSLY. DFA WAS PARTICULARLY SURPRISED SINCE IT HAD PROMISED THE CHIEF A FORMAL REPLY TO HIS LAND CLAIMS, AND THIS WAS STILL IN PREPARATION WHEN MATANZIMA TOOK UNILATERAL ACTION. IN VIEW OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE OFFICIAL SAID, DFA IS CONVINCED THAT TRANSKEI'S REAL MOTIVE IN BREAKING RELATIONS WAS NOT THE LAND QUESTION BUT A DESIRE TO IMPROVE ITS INTERNATIONAL IMAGE AND BRING AN END TO ITS INTERNAL POLITICAL
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